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THE GREEN MOUNTAIN RIFLEMAN

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MANUEL MILLER AGAIN DEFIES THE VULTURE CLAWS OF SECRECY

Manuel Miller knew the vultures would come in SECRECY to take his wife to death in the madhouse. Although he had put up \$1,000 cash bail for her and as her bondsman was entitled to know when she was supposed to be "surrendered", the judge claimed that the \$1,000 was itself the bail and there was no bondsman, which shows how far a judge will go.

The Marshalls came in SECRECY at a time when they knew Manuel Miller would be away from home but he fooled them and came home early and took down the rifle and kept them out of his house. They filled the house with tear gas but 5 of the 13 gas bombs did not burst because the pins were not pulled. Five Storm Troopers kept the Golden Rule even if only in SECRECY, otherwise the stifling gas would have been even more murderous.

SECRECY was impossible after the Siege of Bethel. Angry Americans demanded explanations which Government officials could not give, so they let Manuel Miller's wife go. In the summertime they tried the Millers and convicted them but after threatening Manuel Miller's wife with 90 years in prison for breaking the Draft Law they backed down and didn't dare give her a day because people all over the country keep shouting that the Draft Law is unconstitutional. The frustrated vultures turned their rage upon Manuel Miller who had not only robbed them of their victim but had shown them up before the whole country. The judge who had ordered his goons to break into Manuel Miller's house and drag Manuel Miller's wife off to captivity - Ernest Gibson is his name - gave Manuel Miller a year in prison.

The lust for vengeance started at the moment sentence was pronounced when Gibson gaily handed Manuel Miller over to the Marshall to be handcuffed and taken to jail because his bondsmen were not present. Three times Manuel Miller had asked the probation officer, Paul Picher, if the bondsmen had to come to renew bail, and each time Picher had simpered that since the money was on deposit the bondsmen need not appear. Manuel Miller, with understandable skepticism asked Picher to get proper authority for that assurance, and Picher said that the Clerk of Court had affirmed the fact that the bondsmen need not appear. But when the Millers approached the Courthouse on sentencing day there was Deputy Jack Green's car parked across from the Court, instead of in the free parking lot, and headed north ready to transport a prisoner. So perfidily had its wretched little hour and Manuel Miller was taken to Rutland in handcuffs, for which greedy Marshall Perry and Jack Green could collect a fee for transporting a prisoner. But one of Manuel Miller's bondsmen beat this cavalcade to the U.S. Commissioner's so the Marshall hastily took the handcuffs off and the federal boys were cheated out of throwing Manuel Miller into filthy Woodstock jail that night after all.

The Millers appealed their cases. They had 3 lawyers, furnished by well-wishers, and one of these turned out to be the enemy's man, so they canned him and the other two withdrew. Friends of the Millers wrote to the Court stenographer to buy the record and proceed with the appeal if there was time enough to prepare the case, but the stenographer was obliged to say that sufficient time could not be guaranteed. The Millers prepared to ask the Court of appeals for a 90 day extension but Gibson forestalled this by giving them 50 days unasked. This was not enough because a powerful enemy had taken the field against the Millers. The American Civil Liberties Union, long famous for protecting Communists now proved itself equally useful in cutting down support for anti-Communists. With snipe at getting aid of columnist George Sokolsky, the ACLU hired a B'nai B'rith lawyer, Louis Lissman of Burlington, to "investigate" the Millers. This "Lissman report", consisting of many mimeographed sheets of derogatory misstatements, has been circulated around the nation in an effort to destroy the popular support of the Millers. It is not succeeding but, like tar, it has slowed up the preparation of the appeal. On Oct. 20 Manuel Miller wrote to the Circuit Court of Appeals asking for 90 days extension. It lies within the powers of all the Courts to give largesse of time on their own motion and at their own caprice, as the records abundantly testify, but when the Millers ask for time every jot and tittle of the rules must be observed, so the Millers received notice on Oct. 28 that they must come to New York and present a motion in person and that notice of such a motion must be given to the "adverse party", on the preceding Thursday. The letter didn't come until Friday so the Millers can't make an appearance on Monday Oct. 31, to spoil somebody's Halloween. So the Millers have to make a motion for more time on the very eve of the deadline when the appeal time expires. This follows the pattern: in SECRECY they tried to destroy Manuel Miller's wife without a trial but MANUEL MILLER SAID NO and the American public thundered approval of him. In SECRECY they are trying to keep Manuel Miller's case from being reviewed because there are things in this case that they don't want you to know. SECRECY is what they've got to have, but SECRECY they will not get. Manuel and Lucille Miller are going to be at the Circuit Court of Appeals, Foley Square, New York on Monday Nov. 7 at 9:30 A.M. See you!

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